MR. A. K. PILLAI (*Karunagapalli*) : Can I not have the reasons then ?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Ag. Chief Secretary to Government*) : Wherever the representations are justifiable, Government may sanction the requests contained in such representations.

MR. A. K. PILLAI (*Karunagapalli*) : Is the Member in possession of the information as to when the question, relating to the transfer of this court, was received by the Government ?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Ag. Chief Secretary to Government*) : I have no information. I claim notice.

MR. A. K. PILLAI (*Karunagapalli*) : Are there any cases in which the promises of the late Dewan were violated ?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Ag. Chief Secretary to Government*): I do not think that arises from the question.

Improvement of the Tovala Channel.

355. **MR. M. SUBRAHMANYA PILLAI** (*Agastisvaram*): (1) Are the Government aware:

(*a*) that there are always complaints of insufficiency of water-supply for the wet lands commanded by the Tovala channel;

(*b*) that within the area commanded by that channel there are still large areas capable of being converted into wet lands;

(*c*) that on account of the insufficiency of water supply to the lands already converted there is not sufficient inducement to the ryots for converting the remaining dry lands;

(*d*) that the frequent occurrence of breaches in the channel is one of the chief causes for the insufficiency of water supply; and

(*e*) that all these breaches occur in a particular area in the course of the Tovala channel ?

(2) Will the Government be pleased to consider the desirability of improving the embankments of the Tovala channel in the particular area where breaches have been found to occur frequently, and see whether that course is more economical or not than the frequent incurring of expenses for closing breaches ?

MR. T. P. RAMASUBBA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*) : (1) (*a*) No.

(*b*) Yes.

(*c*) No. The lands conveniently situated have mostly been converted. Conversion of the lands at the tail end of channels will naturally be slow.

(*d*) No.

(*e*) No. Breaches have occurred in 40 different sites within a distance of 22 miles.

(2) Wherever breaches have occurred or are likely to occur, improvements are being carried out, in addition to the closing of breaches.

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